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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

HAYAKAWA ET AL.

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Examiner

John S. Chu

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 21 November 2003.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 47-98 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 47-64, 76-87 and 96-98 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 65-75 and 88-95 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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DETAILED ACTION

This Office action is in response to the RCE filed November 21, 2003.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

2. Claims 47-64, 76-87 and 96-98 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being clearly anticipated by HALEY et al.

The claimed invention is drawn to the following:

47. (New) An imageable composition comprising:

an acid curable composition;

an acid generator; and

a colorant, wherein the colorant includes a counter anion derived from a non-volatile acid.

76. (New) An imageable element comprising:

a substrate; and

an imageable coating on a surface of the substrate, the coating comprising: an acid curable composition; an acid generator; and a colorant, wherein the colorant includes a counter anion derived from a non-volatile acid.

and

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96. (New) A method of making an imageable element including a substrate and an imageable coating on the substrate, the method comprising the steps of:

contacting a substrate with an imageable composition dissolved or dispersed in a suitable solvent, wherein the imageable composition comprises an acid curable composition, an acid generator, and a colorant, wherein the colorant includes a counter anion derived from a non-volatile acid; and

drying to remove solvent, leaving an imageable coating on the substrate.

HALEY et al anticipates the claimed invention at Example 1, column 7, line 64 – column 8, line 40. The example discloses a resole resin, a novolak resin, a onium salt and a infrared dye with a sulfonate counter ion. The claims are anticipated by the example in HALEY et al.

3. Claims 47-64, 76-87 and 96-98 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being clearly anticipated by KUNITA.

The claimed invention has been recited above and is included by reference.

KUNITA et al anticipates the claimed invention at Examples 1-4 to 1-8 and 2-4 to 2-8 as seen in Table 10 of column 55. Likewise Comparative examples 1,2, 3-8 found in Table 11 anticipate the claimed invention at Table 11.

4. Claims 65-75, and 88- 95 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

None of the references of record disclose the claimed dependent limitations as recited in the aforementioned claims to the diazo resin and the additional additive photothermal additive.

5. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Examiner Chu whose telephone number is (571) 272-1329. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday - Friday from 9:30 am to 6:00 pm.

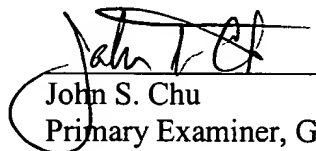
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Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the Group receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 308-0661.


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